

The Margareta Township Trustees met in regular session on July 3, 2014 at 7 p.m.

Present were Mr. Bias, Mr. Pooch and Mr. Riesterer.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2014 meeting, as presented by Fiscal Officer, Mary Ann Lindsley. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to approve and sign warrants #13470-13505 and direct deposits that were submitted by the Fiscal Officer for payment. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to accept the financial reports that were submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes.

The Trustees held a public hearing on our proposed 2015 budget. After brief discussion the following motion was made.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve the proposed budget for 2015 that was submitted by Fiscal Officer Mary Ann Lindsley. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to close the budget hearing. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Beckstein were at the meeting.

Senator Randy Gardner was at our meeting. He spoke briefly and mentioned that he feels local government funds need to be addressed.

Mr. Jim Neil gave his Road/Cemetery report. The street lighting in Village Hill Estates were discussed. The township is responsible for the lights at the intersections. Village Hill Estates no longer has an association and therefore they are collecting no fees to help pay for lighting. The trustees said this was a PUD and they will look into it to see if the association could be dissolved. We can also talk to Erie Regional Planning to see if the residents could create a lighting district if they wanted to. Mr. Pooch said he would check into this.

Mr. Neill mentioned possibly purchasing some small markers to replace some of the temporary markers we now have. Brenda would like to purchase 16 for now.

Jim said they have about 50% of the road signs up. We did receive a one year extension for the installation of the signs.

We received paperwork for next year's recycling grant. Mr. Riesterer will take care of this.

Mr. Riesterer said at the Council of Government meeting it was mentioned that the county would like to get quotes for a county wide garbage/recycle collection. The trustees briefly discussed this. The trustees seem to be in agreement that this is not a good choice for us.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mr. Bias to purchase 16 grave markers from Balconi to mark unmarked graves. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to not agree with the memorandum of understanding with Erie County Solid Waste Management District for garbage and recycling. Vote: all ayes.

The Park Board is still waiting to have the mulch picked up for the playground.

The Park Levy was discussed. After the discussion the following motion was made.

Mr. Bias moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to pass Resolution 2014-05: declaring a necessity to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limit and asking the County Auditor to certify the amounts for a .25 mil renewal levy for parks and recreational purposes. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Pooch- yes, Mr. Bias-yes and Mr. Riesterer-yes.

Fiscal Officer Mary Ann mentioned that we should be getting our payment for the concession stand for the year. We have not received anything yet.

Mary Ann also mentioned that she is still waiting for information for the park maintenance.

The meeting was adjourned.